

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : S. SCHRAGA Confirmation No. 4446
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For : LANCET HAVING ADJUSTABLE PENETRATION DEPTH

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 16, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of May 16, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires August 16, 2006, this Amendment is being timely filed and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 36.